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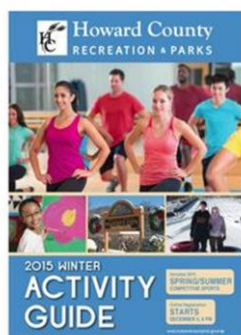


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2015 Winter Activity Guide



Another snow storm---try to stay off the roads if possible until the snow plows come through to make the roads safe for travel.

Reminder that on **Sunday, March 8th** "Daylight Savings Time" begins. The extra hour will make us all feel like Spring is just around the corner.



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EXECUTIVE BUDGET HEARING

County Executive Kittleman will hold a Citizens' Budget Hearing for fiscal year 2016 on **Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 p.m.** in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive in Ellicott City.

Sign-up [online](#) to give testimony at the hearing or submit written testimony. Residents may sign-up in person on the night of the public hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m. Prepare your oral testimony to be limited to three minutes.

RECYCLING TIPS

HHW Drop-off

There will be special household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off day at Alpha Ridge Landfill on **Saturday, March 7th**.

GreenFest

The 8th Annual **FREE** Howard County GreenFest will be held on **April 18th** at the Howard Community College from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The theme is Living with Wildlife, but the event will highlight vendors and non-profit displays that provide practical environmental information for home and work.

<http://www.hcgreenfest.org>

Paper Shredding

The next County-sponsored shredding event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on **April 25th** at the Meadowbrook Park & Ride. Howard County residents may bring up to 3 bags or boxes of paper to be shredded on-site. This event will be held rain or shine.

www.howardcountymd.gov/Shredding.htm

Cleaner Water From Your Faucet!

Ditch the store-bought bottled water! Water furnished by Howard County goes through more water quality testing than most bottled water and costs you pennies per gallon. Reduce waste and save your money, use reusable water bottles instead.

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COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, March 9

Monthly Meeting
C. Vernon Gray Room
8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 10

Quarterly Meeting with Board of Education
At Board of Education
8:30 a.m.

Monday, March 16

Legislative Public Hearing
Banneker Room
7:30 p.m.

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TAX TIPS

Below You Will Find Tips To Make Tax Time Less Taxing:

- ✓ **Check out your preparer** - Make sure your preparer is properly licensed by going to DLLR's web site: <http://www.dllr.state.md.us/pg/>.
- ✓ **Ask about fees** - Some tax preparers do not fully disclose all their fees up front.
- ✓ **Avoid refund anticipation loans** - Many tax preparers offer to provide your refund immediately in the form of a refund "loan".
- ✓ **File early** - By filing early, you can reduce the odds of becoming a victim of identity theft.
- ✓ **Get Help** - Howard County non-profit, Making Change, offers free tax preparation services through its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. Visit their website at: www.makingchangecenter.org

BGE OFFERS BUDGET BILLING AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

In direct response to spikes in customer usage from record cold temperatures, BGE is offering customers immediate enrollment into its Budget Billing program, which spreads payments out over a 12 month period, making larger bills from increased energy usage more manageable.

Typically the enrollment process takes a full billing cycle. Customers interested in immediate enrollment into Budget Billing may do so on BGE's automated system at 1-800-685-0123, online at bge.com or by contacting a customer care representative either by phone at 1.800.685.0123 or sending an email to MyHomeRep@bge.com.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Although it seems winter will never end, daylight savings time will begin Sunday, **March 8th at 2:00 a.m.**

We will lose an hour of sleep but gain an hour of day light. So don't forget to spring your clocks forward an hour.

The Howard County Department of Fire & Rescue Services would also like to remind residents to change the batteries in their smoke detectors this time of year as well.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting its spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, **March 25th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Come out and enjoy the all you can eat spaghetti dinner, your choice of sauce. Bread and salad will also be available

Adults and Carry Out \$7.00 – Kids \$4.00

